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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #10

### Anti-Bullying Week

We have spent each form time this week, focusing on Anti Bullying Week and discussing; what bullying is, what we can do if we see it happening and what we can do to reduce it. We have shared advice from Mr Illsley as to how we can report online abuse which we know is an increasingly common way of people bullying others. Students have been thinking about the impact of 'kind words' and how to be a safe upstander. To round off the week, today we had a highly inspirational talk from Alex Holmes who was Her Majesty The Queen's 'Young Leader' in 2017 and represents the Commonwealth for his work in tackling bullying.

Some of our student leadership team have also worked incredibly hard at making our Anti-Bullying Policy into a 'student friendly' version and this will be displayed around school and on our website in the coming days. A huge thank you to Mollie D, Lexi D, Izzy T and Freya H (all Y9).

Please continue the conversations with your children about bullying and how they can report it, but also their role in changing it. We thank you for your support.

### Year 11

Good luck to Year 11 who are sitting their mock exams over the next two weeks. They enjoyed hot chocolate today whilst receiving advice from staff about how to revise but also how to manage their wellbeing throughout an exam period. We all know you will do your very best, anything is possible and it is never too late to improve!



### Congratulations

Ben S Year 12 (right), great achievement last weekend completing the Run Alton Towers Half Marathon. He was also the youngest runner. He completed the course in 2hr 17mins. Well done!

### Remembrance Sunday

Head students (left) representing the school at the Remembrance Parade in Ashbourne.



### COVID-19 Vaccinations In School

Thank you to all of those students who attended for their vaccinations this week. While we simply provided the space for the NHS to offer them, we have been told the behaviour and manners of our students were exemplary. You are a credit to our school.

## Swim Leaders

Years 9-13 students have volunteered to take part in the QEGS sports leader programme, where they will be 'swim leaders' for 8 weeks at Ashbourne leisure centre. Volunteering their time once a week to assist the swimming with primary swimming lessons, help coach, organise and demonstrate.



The hours they commit go towards their QEGS Intermediate Sports Leader award. Some are also using it for their DofE volunteering hours and Sixth form Futures Award.

Any students who would like to volunteer for the 7 week January block - email Miss Clayton [clayton@qegs.email](mailto:clayton@qegs.email)

## Sporting News

Year 3 & 4 Primary Tag Rugby took place this week. We had over 100 Primary children taking part. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and we had lots of smiles from our little rugby stars. The Year 9 Sports Leaders (right) were yet again amazing & led the whole event.



Football: On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, both Year 9 and Year 11 travelled to Wilsthorpe school to play their respective Derbyshire Schools County Cup 2nd round matches. Year 9 won 3-1, with two goals from Caelan M and one from Deacon W. Year 11 also won 3-1 and their goal scorers were Frankie D, Theo A and Jake W. Both teams have progressed through to the quarter-finals, which they will play after Christmas.



Year 8 played a good Buxton team on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November and won 2-1 in their first round County Cup match. Goals were scored by Matt JW and Felix H and player of the match was Joshua H, who made some fantastic saves throughout the game.

Netball: Sixth Form charity match Year 13 beat Year 12 36-14.

U14 county tournament yesterday, the girls (right) did amazingly in the biggest competition in the netball calendar for them – well done!



## Online Safety

As part of Anti-bullying week, we have been reminding students about the actions they can take if they find themselves victim to bullying or harassment online.

We have updated our online safety pages at <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/online-safety/>

### [Online Safety - Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne Derbyshire](#)

Be Positive and try something new. The Internet is a fabulous place with a wealth of resources for you to use, even more so at this current time as many 'paid for' resources are giving their content away for free for a limited time.

[www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

By adding the Diana Award Guide to Blocking and Reporting, which includes instructions for how to block and report accounts on all the major social media platforms. In addition to this, we have discussed appropriate use of the CEOP and Whisper buttons located at the bottom of our home page.

## Finally

Thank you to parents and students who acted quickly and responsibly last week to remove comments and unfollow Tik-Tok accounts which had been set up to comment on the town, the school and our staff. Anti-bullying week and an anti-bullying culture is to keep everyone safe, this means both adults and children. Please continue to do your bit.

Good luck to Year 11 who start their Mocks on Monday. These are not the only assessments Year 11 will have. There will be others in the Spring and Summer terms too. We try to provide a number of opportunities to help build confidence, provide feedback, to enable all of our students to improve and to be able to be the best they possibly can be. There are many ways to assess talent, intelligence, knowledge and understanding – exams are only one of these. Put the effort in and be proud of what you can achieve when you do your best – Good luck!

Yours faithfully



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